

Statement on Congressional Action on the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2007”

September 29, 2006

I applaud Congress for passing legislation that will provide our men and women in uniform with the necessary resources to protect our country and win the war on terror. As our troops risk their lives to fight terrorism, this bill will ensure they are prepared to defeat today's enemies and address tomorrow's threats. I look forward to signing this bill into law.

NOTE: The statement referred to H.R. 5631.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

September 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a delegation to Beirut, Lebanon, to visit areas affected by recent conflict and to meet with Prime Minister Fuad Siniora of Lebanon and business leaders to discuss rebuilding priorities: Dina Powell (head of delegation); Jeffrey Feltman; John T. Chambers; Yousif Ghafari; and Ray Irani.

September 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to New York City, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Katie Husted. He then traveled to Riverside, CT.

In the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a Connecticut Republican Party luncheon. Later, he traveled to Cincinnati, OH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer

Robert “Kent” Wellington II. Later, he toured Meyer Tool, Inc.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a reception for senatorial candidate Michael DeWine. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Budapest, Hungary, to attend the 50th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution on October 23: George E. Pataki (head of delegation); April H. Foley; Peter K. Gogolak; and Steven F. Udvar-Hazy.

September 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Ali Abdallah Salih of Yemen.

In the afternoon, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President participated in a signing ceremony for Public Law 109–283, the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act. Later, he met with Republican congressional leaders to discuss legislative priorities.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a reception for Iowa, Arkansas, and Wisconsin congressional candidates.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kevin M. Kolevar to be Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability).

The President announced his intention to nominate Jane C. Luxton to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

The President announced his intention to nominate Phillip L. Swagel to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Economic Policy).

The President announced his intention to nominate Thurgood Marshall, Jr., to be a Governor of the Board of Governors of the U.S. Postal Service.

The President announced that he has named Tony Fratto as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Press Secretary.

September 27

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan to discuss Japan-U.S. relations and to congratulate him on his September 26 election victory. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. He then met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Later, in the morning, the President traveled to Memphis, TN, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Linda Smith.

In the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a luncheon for senatorial candidate Bob Corker. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had a working dinner with Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley, President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan, and President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan.

September 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Hoover, AL, where, at the Hoover Public Safety Center, he participated in a briefing on energy. He then participated in an interview with the Wall Street Journal.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Birmingham, AL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Heather Shufelt. Later, he traveled to Columbus, OH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Eva Bradshaw. He then traveled to New Albany, OH.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a reception for congressional candidate Deborah Pryce. He then returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Ivo Sanader of Croatia to the White House on October 17.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dana Gioia to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric D. Eberhard to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K.

Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Commission on Drug-Free Communities: Catherine Thatcher Brunson (Public); Dennis Griffith (National Substance Abuse Reduction Organization); Steve Moak (National Substance Abuse Reduction Organization); and Janet R. Wood (State Substance Abuse Reduction Organization).

September 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in separate signing ceremonies for S. 418, the Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act, and S. 3850, the Credit Rating Agency Reform Act of 2006.

In the evening, at the Library of Congress, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the 2006 National Book Festival Gala and dinner. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert F. Hoyt to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted September 26

Kevin M. Kolevar, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability), vice John S. Shaw, resigned.

Jane C. Luxton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, vice James R. Mahoney.

Thurgood Marshall, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Governor of the U.S. Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2011, vice Ned R. McWherter, term expired.